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Application No.: 09/282,157 :

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
CONDUCTING ELECTRONIC  
AUCTIONS WITH MULTI-  
PARAMETER PRICE  
EQUALIZATION BIDDING :Mail Stop Amendment  
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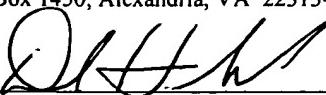
In response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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